THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) According to ICMR, workers in slaughter houses are exposed to various infectious diseases such as Brucellosis, Erysipeloid, Leptospirosis, Dermatophytosis and warts. These diseases are transmitted through contact with the infected animals or through the contamination of water. The data in respect of number of people infected by such diseases is not centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) State Pollution Control boards have pursued slaughter houses to set up requisite pollution control facilities to ensure proper management of waste. Slaughter houses have also been asked to adopt modern slaughtering operations for good environmental management..

Illegal import of foreign drugs

1922. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some chemists in Delhi are importing foreign drugs like Imipenen and plavix through airline pilots and air hostesses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As per the feedback available from Government of NCT of Delhi, no specific instance of import of foreign drugs like Imipenen and Plavix through Airline Pilots and Air hostesses has come to the notice of the drugs control department, Government of NCT of Delhi.

Proposal for new rail lines from Maharashtra and Punjab

1923. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals for new railway lines have been received from Maharashtra and Punjab Governments during 2004-05 and 2005-06 particularly with respect to connectivity from Chandigarh to Ludhiana by fast trains;

(b) if so, what are details of sanctioned works of new rail lines/gauge

conversion/introduction of new trains/extension of existing trains including increase in their frequency and electrification of railway tracks, etc. year-wise, zone-wise indicating present status, proposal-wise;

(c) whether any time-limit for completion of above mentioned projects has been fixed; and

(d) if so, what are details thereof project-wise, year-wise, zone-wise indicating budgetary allocations made/expenditure incurred in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The Construction of new line from Chandigarh to Ludhiana is already in progress and Chandigarh-Morinda section is targeted for completion during 2005-06.

(b) to (d) The project-wise progress alongwith the target dates of completion, wherever fixed and budget allocation during 2005-06 for various ongoing New Line/Gauge Conversion and introduction of new trains/ extension of existing trains including increase in their frequency and electrification of railway tracks etc. projects are as given under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Details of the ongoing projects	Anticipated cost	Anticipated expenditure up to March 2005	Present position of the project and likely date of completion wherever fixed.
1	2	3	4	5
New Line				
1.	NangalDam-Talwara and taking over siding of Mukerian-Talwara	210.00	102.46	Nangal Dam-Una-Churaru Takrala has been completed. The work of Churaru Takrala-Amb Andura (11 kms.) and land acquisition taken up
2.	Taran Taran-Goindwal	37.51	12.23	Final location survey has been completed and land acquisition taken up. An amount of Rs. 10.02 crore has been paid to the State Govt, for land acquisition.

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Chandigarh-Ludhiana.	371.97	161.31	The construction of rail line between Chandigarh-Morinda (45 kms.) likely to be completed during 2005-06. In the next phase, the work of Ludhiana-Sahnewal planned to be taken up.
4.	Abohar Fazilka	86.44	17.01	Final location survey completed and land acquisition is taken up.
5.	Beas to Dera Baba Jaimal Singn.	4.07	.0001	The project was sanctioned with the proviso that Dera Authorities would provide land free of cost and also to carry our earthwork at their own cost. The work would be taken up after the agreement is signed and hand made available by Dera Authorities.
6.	Panvel-Karjat	137.96	120.66	Work completed and Commissioned.
7.	Baramati-Lonand	138.48	10.61	Land acquisition taken up. 50% minor/ major bridges completed.
8	Amravati-Narkher	284.27	124.22	Land acquisition, earthwork completed. Minor and major bridges taken up. Section from Amravati to Chandurbazar (44Kms) completed.
9.	Ahmednagar-Beed-Pari Vaijnath	353.08	31.76	Final location survey has been completed. Land acquisition completed in 15 km length (Ahmednagar-Narayandoh section). 71% earthwork completed. One major and 10 minor bridges completed.
10.	Puntamba-Shirdi	48.78	21.73	Land acquisition has been taken up. Overall progress 21%
Gauge Conversion:				
11.	Miraj-Latur	515.57	192.78	The work is being progressed in phases. Kurduwadi to Pandharpur (52 Km) and Latur-Latur Road (33 Km) completed. In Kurduwadi-Latur section and Miraj-Pandharpur work taken up. Overall progress is 50%.

As regard, introduction of new trains/extension of existing trains including increase in their frequency in Maharashtra and Punjab, the position is given as under:—

Maharashtra 2004-2005

New Trains:

1.2907/2908 Maharashtra Sampark Kranti Express from Nizamuddin to Bandra (T) (tri-weekly)-4.11.2004.

2. 5217/5218 Muzaffarpur-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Jansadharan Express (weekly): 2.10.2004

3.1051/1052 Mumbai-Howrah Express (weekly) by extending 2103/ 2104 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Nagpur Express upto Howrah-5.1.2005.

4.9271/9272 Bhavnagar-Bandra (T) Express: 10.5.2004

Extension:

1. 9049/9050 Rajendra Nagar-Valsad Express upto Bandra (T): 16.3.2005

Frequency:

1.1067/1068 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Faizabad Saket Express from weekly to bi-weekly: 10.9.2004

2.1017/1018 Bangalore-Mumbai Chalukya Express from tri-weekly to 6 days in a week by canceling 1049/1050 Dadar-Yeswantpur Express (biweekly): 12.9.2004

3.2141 /2142 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Rajendra Nagar Express from 6 days in a week to daily-21.3.2005

4.2129/2130 Pune-Howrah Azad Hind Express from 5 days a week to daily by extending 2131/2132 Pune-Nagpur Express (bi-weekly) upto Howrah: 8.9.2004

Pantry car in mail and express trains

1924. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many long distance mail and express trains do not have a separate pantry car for serving hot and fresh refreshments to railway passengers and how many mail and express trains have pantry car facilities;